

Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Perez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

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McCarthy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5673.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1284) making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

An original bill (S. 1283) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense operations conducted pursuant to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force and the presidential policy guidance on counterterrorism from Michael G. Vickers, Under Secretary for Intelligence, Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, USN, Director for Operations, and Commander William Gallagher, both of the Joint Staff, J3, and Brigadier General Richard Gross, Legal Counsel to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

WALL STREET REFORMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mitigating systemic risk through Wall Street reforms, after receiving testimony from Mary J. Miller, Under Secretary, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

U.S. TERRITORIES BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and S. 1268, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, after receiving testimony from Representatives Faleomavaega, Christensen, Bordallo, Sablan, and Pierluisi; Eileen Sobeck, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas; Vikram J. Singh, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Office of the Secretary of Defense for

Policy; and Edgard Kagan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

TRANSITION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing the transition in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James F. Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; Peter R. Lavoy, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; Stephen Hadley, United States Institute of Peace, and Sarah Chayes, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nader Nadery, Fair and Free Elections Foundation of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Victoria

Nuland, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Daniel Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2653–2686; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 297–299 were introduced. **Pages H4482–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4485–86**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–150, Pt. 1). **Page H4482**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4373**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Paul Binion II, Westside Church of God, Fresno, California. **Page H4373**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4373, H4475**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Sewell (AL) motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 125 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 346. **Pages H4375–76**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Fudge motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 138 yeas to 265 nays, Roll No. 348. **Page H4389**

Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 353.

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Rejected the Esty motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 352. **Pages H4470–74**

During the course of debate on H.R. 2642, Representative Watt raised a point of order against the ruling of the Chair regarding what constitutes embellishment of a unanimous consent request, and the point of order was overruled. Representative Watt appealed the ruling of the chair, and Representative Lucas moved to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair. The motion to table was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 350. **Pages H4462–63**

During the course of further debate on H.R. 2642, Representative Thompson (MS) raised a point of order against the ruling of the Chair regarding what constitutes embellishment of a unanimous consent request, and the point of order was overruled. Representative Thompson (MS) appealed the ruling of the chair, and Representative Lucas moved to